

Tiverton Recreation Meeting August 18. 2008

Present at meeting: Theresa Burke, Diane Toste, Gary Rose, Jack Cook, Phyllis Brower, Debbie Ebbitt, Rick Bush, and Bob Martin.

Treasurer's report: Chris Passmore received the check reimbursing for the hotel reservations for the cancelled Wizard's game.

A profit of \$450 was made on the cruise raffle.

Fundraising:

A motion was made by Gary Rose to have another cruise raffle. The motion was seconded by Theresa and passed. This cruise raffle will be started in January for a cruise to Bermuda in September. Theresa Burke will make the reservation. It will be for 2 persons at a cost of around \$1250/person.

Discussion on pricing for Skateboard Park t-shirts with no final price decided on for shirts. The pricing will be determined at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Gary Rose and seconded by Jack Cook to have a contest involving MS and HS students for the design of fundraising t-shirts with a Rock-the-Park/Tiverton Recreation logo. The vote was unanimous to run the contest. It will be discussed with art teachers at each school.

Theresa Burke presented an idea to have a circus as a fundraiser next summer. Theresa will find out more about the possibility and present it to the commission at the next meeting.

The possibility of a fundraiser that would be a motorcycle road rally was discussed for the fall. Details were discussed but not finalized. Theresa Burke will report on this at next meeting.

Gary Rose wants to continue selling t-shirts and coffee at the Farmer's market. There have been plenty of volunteers who have been very helpful each weekend. The last day of the Farmer's market is September 27th. Diane Toste reports that "Pardon Gray Day" will be September 13th. We cannot sell drinks that day but can sell t-shirts and bricks.

Diane Toste is still working on a surfing contest for October.

Gary Rose and Jack Cook discussed the possibility of including some kind of performance arts pavilion at the Bulgarmarsh Park. After discussion it was decided that it would be better to find out what kind of options might be considered in our space there before making changes to the plans drawn up by Gifford.

Bob Martin reported that there is brush growing (again) behind the east wall at Town Farm. He will discuss the clearing of this with DPW.

Jack Cook is going before the Town Council on August 25th to present a proposal for use of the Stone Bridge Water Districts land adjacent to the New Ranger School. TRC wants to develop a soccer complex there. Discussions have been on-going with the SBWD since last year.

Correspondence:

Theresa Burke read a letter from a neighbor who lives next to Pocasset field. The neighbor was complimenting the summer recreation employees and said the children were well behaved and were having a lot of fun.

Miscellaneous:

It was discussed whether there was a motion made to replace the dust at Pocasset field. Phyllis Brower will check the minutes for the motion/vote.

Bob Martin said the merry go round from Bayview Park was removed for safety reasons. The pole could not be removed as there is a digging moratorium in the area. Mr. Martin also discussed the possibility of using some of the playground equipment that was removed from Ft. Barton during construction for installation at Bulgarmarsh Park.

Gary Rose is going to check into the possibility of opening the beaches and charging for parking when no lifeguard is on duty.

Bob Martin discussed the need to repair the bath house at Fogland and what materials are required.

Theresa reported we made \$4480 from summer recreation programs this year. All programs were very well attended. This was the first year a fee was charged for children to attend. Mrs. Burke suggested next year running the program for 7 weeks instead of just 6 weeks.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm. The next meeting will be at 7 PM on September 16, 2008 at Judson Community Center.